

SENDING

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world.

*CAROL #44

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*BENEDICTION

May the PEACE of Christ, the LOVE of God,
and the COMMUNITY of the Spirit, be with you.

*POSTLUDE

“Prepare the Way”

Manz

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

Lucas Wilburn-Weiss

Lisa Baker

Jeff Cockrell, Tim Dickson, Ken Huff, Steve Markel, Merry Lynn Morris, Jamie Webb

Preacher

Choir Director & Organist

Liturgist

Sound & Video

GROW SPIRITUALLY

Grow spiritually this coming week by reading these scriptures for next Sunday:

Second Sunday of Advent - Peace

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Matthew 3:1-12

Do you need a Bible for your studies? Just ask. We'd be glad to give you one!

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GIVE

Your generosity builds God's beloved community and changes lives. You can give:

- **In-Person** – Offering plates are available at the exits after worship
- **Online** – through your bank or by going to www.fpcdunedin.org and clicking “GIVE.”
- **Volunteer** – Ask for a “Volunteer Opportunities” brochure or contact the church office.



Welcome to

First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

November 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

BELL PEAL & WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Who Would Think That What Was Needed”

Bell/Maule

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

*ADVENT HYMN #13

“Prepare the Way”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we might need to confess that we have forgotten what this story is about the story of the coming and the birth of Jesus. We have been confused, so we wrap ourselves with so much planning, and shopping, and gift giving and sending, with so much decorating and card-writing and partying that we have not left any time to sit in the dark, to sit in silence, to contemplate the Incarnation, to give thanks for this one life that changed the world. We have celebrated so many Christmases, and yet – Yet we still need You to remind us of what this is all about, to turn us around and set us in the right direction. May the generosity that drives us this season be present all year. May the intentional reaching out to the far-flung and to the stranger continue past the holidays. May our hearts, so full of so much, be mostly full of love for You, for each other, and for ourselves. *(Silent confession)*

Heal us, we pray. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (Sing the Faith, 2085)

He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope;

He came down that we may have hope; Hallelujah forevermore!

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1-5

(Pew Bible, page 550)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“In the Stillness”

Clarke

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24:36-44

(Pew Bible, page 806)

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord!

PEOPLE: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

*HYMN

“Who Would Think That What Was Needed”

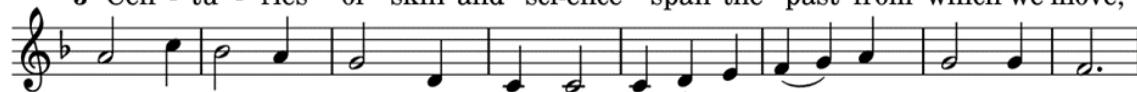
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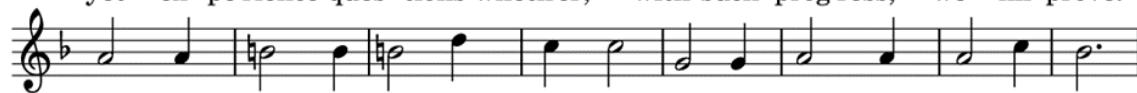
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1 Who would think that what was need-ed to trans-form and save the earth
2 Shep-herds watch and wise men wonder; monarchs scorn and an - gels sing;
3 Cen - tu - ries of skill and sci-ence span the past from which we move,



might not be a plan or ar - my, proud in pur-pose, proved in worth?
such a place as none would reck-on hosts a ho - ly help-less thing.
yet ex - pe-rience ques-tions whether, with such prog-ress, we im-prove.



Who would think, de-spite de - ri-sion, that a child should lead the way?
Sta - ble beasts and by-passed strangers watch a ba - by laid in hay;
While the hu - man lot we pon-der, lest our hopes and hu-mor fray,



God sur-pris-es earth with heav-en, com-ing here on Christ-mas Day.

RESPONSE

We give of our whole selves in gratitude for all of God's gifts.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR NEW MEMBER – Sally King

*ADVENT STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.

We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed.

Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end.

The Holy One is coming,

to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.

And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, joy and love will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

“Joy in Jesus Christ overflowing in Generosity”

OFFERTORY

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hobby

*DOXOLOGY (tune: THE FIRST NOWELL)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION